

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A Recreational Vehicle comprising:
running gear means for permitting said Recreational Vehicle to move and maneuver upon a road surface;
a vehicle body supported by said running gear means, which vehicle body comprises a substantially enclosable compartment suitable for accommodating at least one camping occupant,
said compartment including an extension extending rearwardly substantially to a rear end of said body, said extension having a first side wall, a rear wall, and a second side wall, said second side wall spaced inwardly of an outer perimeter of the body,
with beneficial use means for permitting said extension to be used by said camping occupant for at least one beneficial camping-related use;
a roof extending over said compartment and over said extension included in said compartment;
and
an open top cargo bed bounded at a forward edge by a rear wall of said compartment and at one side edge by said second side wall.
2. The Recreational Vehicle of claim 1, wherein said running gear means comprise at least four tires.
3. The Recreational Vehicle of claim 1, wherein said vehicle body includes means for accommodating a driver's seat and means for a driver for seeing outside said Recreational Vehicle.
4. The Recreational Vehicle of claim 1, wherein said compartment includes seating means suitable for use by said camping occupant for sitting.
5. The Recreational Vehicle of claim 1, wherein said compartment includes a bed suitable for use by said camping occupant for sleeping.
6. The Recreational Vehicle of claim 1, wherein said compartment includes means for cooking suitable for use by said camping occupant for cooking.
7. The Recreational Vehicle of claim 1, wherein said compartment includes means for refrigeration suitable for use by said camping occupant for storing and preserving perishable foodstuffs.
8. The Recreational Vehicle of claim 1, wherein said compartment includes means for providing a dining table surface suitable for use by said camping occupant for dining.
9. The Recreational Vehicle of claim 1, wherein said compartment includes means for bathing suitable for use by said camping occupant for bathing.

10. The Recreational Vehicle of claim 1, wherein said compartment includes toilet means suitable for use by said camping occupant for at least one of urination and defecation.
11. The Recreational Vehicle of claim 1, further comprising door means for said camping occupant to enter said compartment from outside said Recreational Vehicle.
12. The Recreational Vehicle of claim 1, further comprising window means for said camping occupant for seeing outside said Recreational Vehicle, while located within said compartment.
13. The Recreational Vehicle of claim 1, further comprising slide-out means for increasing the interior volume of said compartment while said Recreational Vehicle is in a parked condition.
14. The Recreational Vehicle of claim 1, wherein said Recreational Vehicle is a motorhome.
15. The Recreational Vehicle of claim 1, wherein said Recreational Vehicle is a travel trailer.
16. In a Recreational Vehicle comprising a body and an interior compartment suitable for accommodating at least one camping occupant, the improvement comprising:
an extension to said compartment extending rearwardly substantially to a rear end of said body, said extension having a first side wall, a rear wall, and a second side wall, said second side wall spaced inwardly of an outer perimeter of the body,
adequate space means for said camping occupant to enter and use said extension;
a roof extending over said compartment and over said extension; and
an open top cargo bed bounded at a forward edge by a rear wall of said compartment and at one side edge by said second side wall.
17. A Recreational Vehicle comprising:
running gear means for permitting said Recreational Vehicle to move and maneuver upon a road surface;
a vehicle body supported by said running gear means, which vehicle body comprises a substantially enclosable compartment,
said compartment including two extensions extending rearwardly substantially to a rear end of said body;
a roof extending over said compartment and over said two extensions included in said compartment; and
an open top cargo bed bounded at a forward edge by a rear wall of said compartment and on its two side edges by said two extensions.
18. The Recreational Vehicle of claim 1, wherein said Recreational Vehicle is a fifth-wheel type camper trailer.
19. The Recreational Vehicle of claim 1, with means for permitting said camping occupant to enter said extension from more forward locations in said compartment.

20. The Recreational Vehicle of claim 1, wherein said beneficial use means comprises a longitudinally-oriented bed situated at least in part in said extension.
21. The Recreational Vehicle of claim 1, wherein said beneficial use means comprises at least two vertically separated longitudinally-oriented bunk beds which are situated at least in part in said extension.
22. The Recreational Vehicle of claim 1, wherein said beneficial use means comprises a recliner-type seat situated at least in part in said extension.
23. The Recreational Vehicle of claim 1, wherein said beneficial use means comprises a walk-in closet situated at least in part in said extension, which closet is usable by said camping occupant for storing and retrieving articles such as articles of clothing.
24. The Recreational Vehicle of claim 1, wherein said beneficial use means comprises means for cooking situated at least in part in said extension.
25. The Recreational Vehicle of claim 1, wherein said beneficial use means comprises means for dining situated at least in part in said extension.
26. The Recreational Vehicle of claim 1, wherein said beneficial use means comprises means for bathing suitable for use by said camping occupant for bathing, which means for bathing is situated at least in part in said extension.
27. The Recreational Vehicle of claim 1, wherein said beneficial use means comprises toilet means suitable for use by said camping occupant for at least one of urination or defecation, which toilet means is situated at least in part in said extension.
28. The Recreational Vehicle of claim 27, further comprising sink means for permitting hand-washing, which sink means is also situated at least in part in said extension.
29. The Recreational Vehicle of claim 1, wherein said beneficial use means comprise said extension being at least 17 inches wide and at least 70 inches tall so as to be able to accommodate a normal-sized camping occupant in a standing posture.
30. The Recreational Vehicle of claim 1, further comprising a second extension extending rearwardly substantially to a rear end of said body, which second extension is situated on the opposite side of said cargo bed as said extension.
31. The Recreational Vehicle of claim 1, wherein said roof includes at least one skylight.
32. The Recreational Vehicle of claim 1, wherein said roof includes at least one openable sunroof section.
33. The Recreational Vehicle of claim 1, wherein said cargo bed is of sufficient size and shape to enable carriage of more than one bicycle.

34. The Recreational Vehicle of claim 1, wherein said cargo bed is of sufficient size and shape to enable carriage of a motorcycle.
35. The Recreational Vehicle of claim 1, wherein said cargo bed is of sufficient size and shape to enable carriage of a boat such as a canoe.
36. The Recreational Vehicle of claim 1, wherein said cargo bed is of sufficient size and shape to enable carriage of a water-scooter.
37. The Recreational Vehicle of claim 1, wherein said cargo bed is of sufficient size and shape to enable carriage of a snowmobile.
38. The Recreational Vehicle of claim 1, wherein said cargo bed is of sufficient size and shape to enable carriage of an All-Terrain-Vehicle.
39. The Recreational Vehicle of claim 1, wherein said cargo bed is of sufficient size and shape to enable carriage of a narrow automobile.
40. The Recreational Vehicle of claim 1, wherein said cargo bed is at least 30 inches wide.
41. The Recreational Vehicle of claim 1, wherein said cargo bed is at least 60 inches long.
42. The Recreational Vehicle of claim 1, further comprising openable tailgate means at the aft end of said cargo bed, for enabling cargo loads to be loaded into and unloaded from said cargo bed.
43. The Recreational Vehicle of claim 1, further comprising deployable ramp means at the aft end of said cargo bed, for facilitating the loading and unloading of cargo into and from said cargo bed.
44. The Recreational Vehicle of claim 1, further comprising deployable cargo lift means at the aft end of said cargo bed, for facilitating the loading and unloading of cargo into and from said cargo bed.
45. The Recreational Vehicle of claim 1, further comprising cargo bed access door means for permitting said camping occupant to traverse from within said compartment to said cargo bed.
46. The Recreational Vehicle of claim 1, wherein said cargo bed is of sufficient size and shape to accommodate a mattress for permitting said camping occupant to sleep thereon.
47. The Recreational Vehicle of claim 1, wherein said cargo bed is of sufficient size and shape to accommodate a garden area with living plants.

48. The Recreational Vehicle of claim 1, wherein said cargo bed is of sufficient size and shape to accommodate a hot tub for use by said camping occupant.
49. The Recreational Vehicle of claim 1, further comprising nonpermanent means for covering the top of said cargo bed on an as-desired basis.
50. The Recreational Vehicle of claim 1, further comprising a deployable cargo bed extension for extending said cargo bed, which deployable cargo bed extension includes an extension surface which serves as a cargo bed extension floor when said deployable cargo bed extension is deployed, and which extension surface serves as a tailgate surface for said cargo bed when said deployable cargo bed extension is undeployed.
51. The Recreational Vehicle of claim 1, wherein said cargo bed is of sufficient size and shape to accommodate a game table for use by said camping occupant.
52. The Recreational Vehicle of claim 1, wherein said cargo bed is located at least in part above an aft engine compartment.
53. The Recreational Vehicle of claim 1, wherein said cargo bed is located at least in part above a fuel tank.
54. The Recreational Vehicle of claim 1, wherein said cargo bed is located at least in part above a spare tire housing.
55. The Recreational Vehicle of claim 50, wherein said cargo bed extension includes extension sidewalls.
56. The Recreational Vehicle of claim 50, further comprising a coverable window panel in said extension surface.
57. The Recreational Vehicle of claim 50, further comprising an openable access panel in said extension surface.
58. The Recreational Vehicle of claim 1, further comprising an active suspension system.